

Advice, Information and Funding Service**International: Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)****What is it?**

ATAS is a way for the British government to monitor students who are taking courses which may give students skills which could be used in terrorist activities.

Do I need to apply?

ONLY if you can answer yes to both of the following questions:

- are you a non-EEA (inc. Switzerland) national?
- are you studying a course that begins with the JACS codes listed on the last page of this sheet, and is either a taught Masters (MA/MSc), a Masters by research (MRes) or a PhD/MPhil?

non-EEA national = someone who is not a national of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or any country which is currently a member of the European Union (EU)

If the JACS code for your course does not begin with any of the codes listed on the last page of these notes you **do not** need an ATAS certificate. If you think you do not have to provide an ATAS certificate but you are asked for one by the UKBA (UK Border Agency) please contact and International Adviser at Student Services (phone numbers at the bottom of this page).

If your course requires you to submit an ATAS certificate with your visa application and you do not, your application may be **rejected**

How do I apply?

You have to apply online. You will find the application form and details about the application procedure at: <https://www.atas.fco.gov.uk/public/welcome.aspx>. If you have any queries you can contact ATAS@fco.gov.uk. Your certificate should be issued in between 2 and 3 weeks. It is free to apply and the form should take no longer than 30 minutes to complete.

Please see the following website for full information:

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/servlet/Front?pagename=OpenMarket/Xcelerate/ShowPage&c=Page&cid=1186674480243#>

For International student advice please contact one of the phone numbers below:
City campus – 0207 320 2370 North campus – 0207 133 2094

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Courses affected by ATAS

Ask your Registry for an enrolment letter for your visa which mentions your JACS code, your attendance and your fees paid so far. Please make sure that you read and understand all of the rules for ATAS found at the website below.

www.fco.gov.uk/en/fco-in-action/counter-terrorism (Click on 'Weapons Proliferation' on the left, and then on the 'ATAS' link also on the left).

If your qualification will be a PhD, MPhil or MRes:

Subjects allied to Medicine:

B1 – Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology
B2 – Pharmacology, Toxicology and Pharmacy
B9 – Others in Subjects allied to Medicine

Veterinary Sciences, Agriculture and related subjects:

D3 – Animal Science
D9 – Others in Veterinary Sciences, Agriculture and related subjects

Physical Sciences

F1 – Chemistry
F2 – Materials Science
F3 – Physics
F5 – Astronomy
F8 – Physical and Terrestrial Geographical and Environmental Sciences
F9 – Others in Physical Sciences

Engineering

H1 – General Engineering
H2 – Civil Engineering
H3 – Mechanical Engineering
H4 – Aerospace Engineering
H5 – Naval Architecture
H6 – Electronic and Electrical Engineering
H7 – Production and Manufacturing Engineering
H8 – Chemical, Process and Energy Engineering
H9 – Others in Engineering

Biological Sciences:

C1 – Biology
C2 – Botany
C4 – Genetics
C5 – Microbiology
C7 – Molecular Biology, Biophysics and Biochemistry
C9 – Others in Biological Sciences

Mathematical and Computer Sciences

G1 – Mathematics
G2 – Operational Research
G4 – Computer Science
G7 – Artificial Intelligence
G9 – Others in Mathematical and Computing Sciences

Technologies

J2 – Metallurgy
J4 – Polymers and Textiles
J5 – Materials Technology not otherwise specified
J7 – Industrial Biotechnology
J9 – Others in Technology

If your qualification will be an MSc, MA or MEng*:

F2 – Materials Science
F3 – Physics (including Nuclear Physics)
H3 – Mechanical Engineering
H4 – Aerospace Engineering
J5 – Materials Technology not otherwise specified

**You only need an ATAS certificate for an MEng course if you began studying it overseas and intend to complete it in the UK)*